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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Request for Additional Information

1. Applicant is requested to provide following additional information.

In the Affidavit filed 5/15/2005, Applicant has stated that the claimed invention was offered for sale in December 1999 (see page 2, ¶ 6). However, from the statements made in the Affidavit, it is not clear whether or not the offer for sale in the United States was made more than 1 year prior to the effective filing date of the application. The effective filing date of the instant application has been determined to be December 05, 2000 (see Petition Decision dated 1/07/2004).

Applicant is requested to include a statement in the Affidavit, clarifying whether or not the offer for sale in the United States was made more than 1 year prior to the effective filing date of 12/05/2000.

- 2. Applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay Vasudeva whose telephone number is (571) 272-6689. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 12:00 -- 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joe Morano can be reached on (571) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner Art Unit 3617